(c) whether there are curves at several points on the road constructed so far;

(d) whether more financial resources have been mobilised to complete the said work; and

(e) the time by which the said four lane highway is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) At present, two projects are under execution for converting the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway into four laned highway. The details are as under :

Section	Likely Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Amount Spent (Rs. Cr.)	Length completed (Km.)
(i) Gurgaon to Kotputli (Km. 36.63 to 162.50)	305	7	Nil
(ii) Kotputli to Achrol (Km. 162.50 to 231.00)	113	83	34

(c) Yes, Sir. The curves conform to National Highway standards.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Target dates of completion are as under :

(i) Gurgaon to Kotputli Section — March, 2000

(ii) Kotputli to Achrol Section — June, 1997

[English]

New National Highways in Gujarat

193. SHRI B.K. GADHVI :
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) The details of important roads in various States declared as National Highways during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for declaring new national highways in the State;

(c) if so, the present status of these proposals;

(d) whether Government have accepted any proposal for declaring national highways in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the length of highways declared as national highways during the Eighth Plan period in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Only one national highway (NH-19) in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar connecting Ghazipur-Ballia-Chhapra-Hajipur-Patna aggregating to a length of about 240 kms. has been declared during the last three years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) Due to meagre allocation of funds in the Central Sector Road Programme during the 8th Plan period and continued resource crunch, it has not been possible to declare any new national highway in the State of Gujarat.

Accidents on National Highways

194. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents on National Highways during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed/injured in these accidents, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct dividers on National Highways to minimise these accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and other steps being taken to check such accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) A statement showing State-wise accident statistics during 1993, 1994 and 1995 is attached. Accident statistics of 1996 is not available.

(c) and (d) Medians are provided only on those National Highways which are widened to four lanes or more after considering various factors including availability of funds.

Steps taken to check accidents include widening of single lane sections to two lanes, reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts, repiacement of level-crossings by road overbridges, provision of retroreflective road signs, thermoplastic road markings, laybyes and wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors etc.